



Presidio Trust to Support the City of San Francisco with an Alternative Care Site (6/12/2020)

The Presidio Trust has a mutual aid agreement with the City, and we're proud to support San Francisco in times of need, just as the Presidio did during the 1906 earthquake and 1918 flu epidemic. So we're proud to share that we've granted San Francisco a special use permit to use two Gorgas Avenue warehouses in the Presidio as a temporary Alternate Care Site during the coronavirus pandemic.

This alternate care site will be used primarily to care for non-coronavirus patients, freeing up space in the event San Francisco's hospitals need to treat coronavirus patients. It would be activated only if San Francisco hospitals experience a surge of coronavirus patients in the future, necessitating the need for extra medical care facilities – very similar to how the USN Comfort served the City of New York earlier this year.

The Alternate Care Site, if activated, will be managed by qualified medical staff and will be entirely self-contained. It will have full-time, on-site security, and visitors will not be permitted. Alternate Care Site patients will be transitioned back to their originating hospital, clinic or home for discharge when ready.

Press inquiries may be directed to the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management at (415) 558-2712 or DEMPress@sfgov.

Neighbors living outside the Presidio may send questions and comments to kate.patterson@sfpl.org or (415) 312-9685.

Presidio residents and tenants may send questions or comments to presidio@presidiotrust.gov.